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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES OPENING FOR THE CITY OF ALTON

Alton, Texas, October 23, 2003--USDA Rural Development State Director, Bryan Daniel, announces the opening of the City of Alton's Industrial Park. The City of Alton received a \$400,000 Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) to purchase the land and develop the industrial park site.

"The injection of funds into the area which was used to develop the park will help establish businesses in Alton," said Daniel. "I am very pleased that USDA Texas Rural Development is able to assist the city."

Potential businesses in rural communities interested in the RBEG program must employ 50 or fewer new employees and have less than \$1 million in gross annual revenues. Public bodies and not-for-profit entities including Federally recognized Indian Tribes located in rural areas or in communities under 50,000 population are eligible for the RBEG program. Priority is given to applicants from communities of 25,000 or less.

For more information regarding this and other USDA Rural Development programs, contact the Edinburg Local Service Center at (956) 383-4928, Ext. 4.

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The USDA Rural Development mission area was created in 1994 and includes the Rural Business-Cooperative Service, the Rural Housing Service, and the Rural Utilities Service. Its mission is to use the resources of USDA to provide an improved quality of life for the nation's 53 million rural people.

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